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PROPOSAL FOR ANOTHER OPERATIONAL DIVISION OF N.F. RAILWAY IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam has demanded the setting up of another operational division of the (Northeast Frontier) Railway in Assam besides the two operational division in Alipurduar and Katihar in Bihar;

(b) if so, the justifications and grounds adduced in support of the Assam Government`s demand; and

(c) the Government`s reaction and response thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir. However, demands have been received from various Very Important Persons for setting up of new Divisions at Badarpur and Dibrugarh in Assam.

(b) These demands have been mainly on regional considerations.

(c) The new divisions are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating/administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency and not on regional considerations. In the light of these factors, it has not been found feasible to set up new Divisions at Badarpur and Dibrugarh.